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FOR A BETTER SERVICE

Hilo is very jubilant over the prospect of a new Inter-Island steamer, larger, and fleetier and finer, to take the place of the Mauna Kea, which has become a back number for the trade of that growing city.

We are pleased to know of this good fortune for Hilo, and congratulate them. And we are interested to know what is to be done with the Mauna Kea.

Some time ago, as a chamber of commerce measure, we put in a bid for her for the Kauai run but have heard nothing from the steamship company in regard to the matter, not even the courtesy of an acknowledgement.

If the Mauna Kea is inadequate to the growing trade of Hilo, much more so, we believe, is the Kinan inadequate to the needs of Kauai. The outcry every week is that she is crowded,—over crowded.

The regular thing now, is three in a cabin, where there is room and accommodation for but two at best. It is an unbearable imposition, which even the whip hand of monopoly doesn't justify or excuse. Under these conditions these little 5x6 cubby-holes degenerate into coops or dog kennels.

We are told that "the directors of the Inter-Island are keenly alive to the importance of the rapidly developing tourist traffic, and will exert every effort to provide an adequate service to handle it."

How is it that so much fuss is made about the more or less hypothetical tourist traffic, while the here-and-now kamaaina traffic is snubbed and brow-beaten, and insulted as though it weren't worthy of any consideration? The Inter-Island trade, and the Inter-Island wealth have been built by the home trade, and for long years to come, we venture to predict that the lion's share of their income will be, as it always has been, from that traffic. If they have any sense of justice and any bowels of mercy in them at all, they ought to give some consideration to the home people.

And among these home people, none have done more for them than Kauai. Long years ago it was known as their Island, so largely was their income derived from it, and even yet about half their steamers are kept busy with Kauai business.

We deserve more consideration at their hands and a better passenger service. Give us the Mauna Kea just as soon as she is released from Hilo.

NEWSPAPER SERVICE

The newspaper, like any other enterprise of a useful character in commercial life, is a business proposition and only in the measure that it is financially successful is it able to render the service it should to its patrons and all of the people in the field in which it circulates.

It must be impartial. It must give the news, presenting facts, and editorially it must have a policy in conformity with the highest ideals, setting forth and giving its approval to those things which are for the advancement of the country in general and the community in which it circulates in particular.

The paper you now hold in your hands seeks to do this very thing. Its editor is for the people of Kauai, and for the institutions of this county, territory and nation first, last and all of the time. It aims to give those who wish to be heard an opportunity to present the claims they have for the attention of the public whether in the news columns or in the advertising section. It is, of course, impossible that everybody should agree with everything that is said in the paper; that is expecting too much of human nature. People who start a crusade do not feel that they have accomplished anything until they meet with opposition. The newspaper with the right ideals renders a valuable service to the community in which it operates. It seeks to secure and maintain the confidence of its patrons. A newspaper that does not, in a measure, accomplish this, has no place in the life of the community in which it is published.

ABOUT PAYING DEBTS

Advising a man to pay his debts is a good deal like telling a fellow that it doesn't profit him to get sick. Too frequently the man can no more pay his debts than he can keep from getting ill. But the statement is not true all along the line. There are too many people can pay their debts, but who prefer to use the money for something else. And that is exactly why it is a good deal to urge everyone to pay his debts right now.

Every man on Kauai could be rich today if he had gone in debt a few years ago, provided only that he had gone into debt for some-

thing worth the price then asked for it. If we'd bought a house on credit five years ago for, say, \$5,000, we would now pay for it in so-called cheap dollars and have a good many left. Which means the house is now worth \$10,000, and could be sold for that amount, leaving us a profit of five thousand.

So it seems to reduce itself to this: The time to get into debt is when money is scarce and the time to pay debts is when money is plentiful. There is no need to state the fact that although a little tighter now than it was a year ago money is still plentiful, otherwise it would not require so much of it to buy any commodity. And right now the man who pays his debts is really making money by it.

ALASKA COAL AND OIL

The United States government is looking about for a supply of coal and oil, and it is the hope of our officials that Alaska will afford the needed supply.

Secretary Daniels of the navy, Secretary Payne of the Interior Department and Governor Riggs of Alaska are to investigate the coal fields of Alaska, and hope also to find oil available. Coal is there in abundance and so is oil, but Alaska is a large and a cold country. Already \$1,000,000 has been appropriated for the development of the Mantanka coal fields.

Alaska is larger than most of us are aware. Its area is 590,884 square miles. The interior of the country is little known, but it will be developed as its almost inexhaustible resources come to the knowledge of men.

Alaska is undoubtedly one of the richest mineral regions of the world. Coal is there in abundance, both in the Aleutian Islands and upon the mainland.

Along the Yukon river coal has been mined for years. On the Koyukuk river, 400 miles above its mouth, there is a bed of coal 30 feet thick and extending for two miles along the river bank. How far it may extend into the country, back from the river is unknown, but there is coal enough in sight to supply the United States for some time to come. Coal has also been found upon the upper Yukon, at Cook's inlet, on the Copper river, in south central Alaska and in many other localities.

Petroleum springs have been found in the south central sections, and there is good reason that there is an almost unlimited supply of both coal and oil in that country. The extreme cold may be a handicap, but Yankee ingenuity will develop means to procure and market both the coal and the oil. The extensive forests will yet be a source of an abundant paper supply.

Girls of Kauai will be interested in knowing that in Paris they're making dresses out of paper. And right now paper is just about short enough to make a modern skirt.

It used to be said when we saw a long-haired man that he was a violin player, a poet or a tramp. Now we take it that he hasn't the price of a hair cut.

Wouldn't it be fine if we could all do the Rip Van Winkle stunt and wake up about the time they got the peace treaty settled to the satisfaction of everybody.

Everything is divided equally in this country. The poor man still has the appetite and the rich man still has the money.

The most optimistic man on Kauai is the man who can price a pair of shoes and feel thankful he is not a centipede.

A "Red" is a fellow who can say enough in five minutes to keep the politicians talking all during the campaign.

It's awful hard for a man to hear the call of duty above the jingle of coin or the murmur of love.

We've noticed that a thing is all right with a whole lot of Kauai people when they do it but all wrong when somebody else does it.

Most everybody in this country now suffers from foot troubles. And they're apt to with shoes around \$15 a pair.

Limiting the supply of gasoline for pleasure cars may serve to cut down this summer's receipts for the undertaker.

One of the things you can gain by buying on credit is the experience that is always pays to trade for cash.

We notice that married couples whose views coincide are the couples where the wife thinks first.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editor The Garden Island:—Anent that portion of the letter written by Mr. Damkroger about the much discussed McBryde game. In his letter Mr. Damkroger states that "its betting that put up the howl of protest and encouraged the management of the losing team to object to the umpire's ruling, and not the team or players."

I think that the above is too broad a statement to make, for the reason that objections to decisions of umpires occur in nearly all baseball games no matter where played, and regardless of whether any money consideration depends on the result or not. Umpires are only human, and even the best of them err at times, and their decisions can never please both teams.

The baseball rules state explicitly that no decision of the umpire shall be questioned where the decision is based purely on judgment, but that where a decision is made contrary to any section of the rules, the captain or manager has a legitimate right to protest. In the McBryde-Lihue game, the question as to whether the batter was out or safe was purely a decision not based on judgment, but on the umpire's interpretation of the rules, and therefore can be disputed if the captain or manager of the team against which the decision was made, deems it advisable to do so.

Open gambling on Sundays games certainly ought to be discouraged and if possible, eliminated so far as the police have the ability and desire to do so, but when any one says that its the betting and not the players that causes the management to object to the umpire's decisions, I think that such a statement should be corrected.

G. M. SHAK.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Mr. Urban Williams, secretary for Hawaii District of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. and Prof. W. E. Givens of McKinley High School and associated with the Army and Navy Y in Honolulu, have been spending the week end seeing the attractions of Kauai. They have visited the leading scenic places of interest, incidentally looking over the work and equipment of Kauai Y. M. C. A. Mr. R. C. MacDonald of the local Y and Mr. Williams were formally associated in army work on the Mexican border.

Last Wednesday night a fast game of basketball between a Kapaa five and a picked team representing Lihue was played in the armory. This was only a practice game but the speed and skill exhibited throughout the fray would have satisfied a side-line crowd had the game been advertised.

The practice seemed to be mainly for Kapaa's benefit as Lihue kept in the rear throughout and allowed Kapaa to finish by the ample margin of 42-24. The Kapaa lads, be it known, are ex-Honolulu stars, Bun Hee being the chief basket collector, making all kinds of spectacular shots as a matter of course. Lihue is now fired with an ambition to develop the team work and speed necessary not only to humiliate such machines as Kapaa has to offer but all other challengers. A big league in basketball this coming fall is assured.

The latest thing in the line of sports we believe is the prospective recreation for business men and office employees under Y. M. C. A. supervision at Lihue. A volley ball court at the convenient corner of the park opposite the social hall has just been constructed. From five to six p. m. will be the popular hour at this court and all managers, cashiers, bookkeepers, clerks, printers and their ilk are hereby invited to join this twilight league. Even the lunas have threatened to put up a team against the white-collar brigade. "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party."

Last Friday's arrivals at the Fairview Hotel, July 30.—J. F. Hoffman, W. L. Stanley, J. Stickney, W. K. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Grosvenor, E. Martin, Mrs. Lincoln, R. L. Ransom, Mrs. Marion Drake, Grace Channan. Arrivals at the Fairview Hotel, Tuesday, Aug. 3.—W. H. Hiserman, C. C. Anderson, C. J. Lopez, K. W. Adamson, A. B. Corcoran, N. Hazelwood, E. W. Brown, M. E. Taysen, S. Abaquit.

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